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An Update from the Pastor: Upcoming parking lot worship, re-opening the doors of Salem – Update #3

Greetings Salem:

This Sunday, May 31, we will host **two parking lot worship experiences** for our church members and the broader community—**one at 10 a.m. and one at noon.**

This fellowship opportunity allows believers to come as you are, sit in your car and praise the Lord.

Participants should enter the church parking lot from the 33rd street entrance, park in an available stall and tune into worship through our normal virtual worship channels (see below). We are working to access a radio station frequency for participants to access this Sunday. More details on that to come. Following services, cars should exit through JC Wade Boulevard. To maintain social distancing, please be aware that the church building will not be accessible during the worship experience. We ask that you cooperate with our security team and church volunteers who will assist in the parking lot during service.

We are grateful for ministry opportunities and we continue to explore creative and innovative ways to preach the Word to our Salem Family and the broader community. We look forward to seeing you and your family outside the Salem Baptist Church this Sunday.

“New Normal” Ministry Develops Plan for Re-Opening Church

Our “New Normal” ministry continues to vigilantly monitor the number of COVID-19 cases here in Douglas County while making preparations to re-open the doors of our church. It is important to note that we have not yet identified a specific re-open date. The ministry is made up of church members, church leadership, our administrative team and local public health officials who meet regularly.

According to local public health officials, case numbers continue to increase and are projected to climb following the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

This is a crucial time for practicing social distancing and wearing masks when out in public. The limited number of staff members working inside the church adhere to those practices.

We recently shared that the ministry reviewed a first draft of the three-phased approach for re-opening Salem, discussing preparations in progress inside the church. These include logistical details like the installation of plexiglass in key check-in areas, hand sanitizer kiosks and the setup of member seating inside the sanctuary. During this past week, we placed CDC signs around the church to provide additional reminders regarding the importance of proper hand-washing and following public health recommendations designed to decrease the spread of the virus.

“New Normal” Culture Training for Ministry/Essential Role Leaders

Training our ministry and essential role leaders on expectations once we re-open will be key to our success in helping our collective church family become acclimated to the “New Normal” culture we must all learn. We will lean upon our ministry and essential

role leaders to encourage and model the key behaviors necessary to keep all church members safe. Training materials and a training schedule are currently being developed. We will reach out to our ministry leaders regarding training dates and details sometime in the near future.

The safety, health and welfare of our congregation remains at the forefront of our entire planning and decision-making process. We will re-open the doors of our church once we feel confident we're adequately prepared to provide a safe and socially-distanced worship experience.

Ways to Worship with Us

Please continue to join us in online worship through the platforms we're currently using, including our "Word for Your Walk" broadcast, which airs on WOWT - Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m.

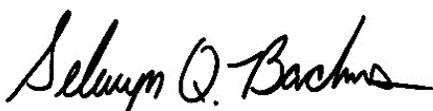
You can also join us live at 10 a.m. via salembc.org, on Facebook at [Facebook.com/salembcomaha](https://www.facebook.com/salembcomaha), at www.boxcast.com and on YouTube.

Despite everything that is opening up around us, we ask that you be wise in your decision-making and safe in your steps in the days and weeks to come.

We appreciate your continued stewardship and support of the mission here at the Salem Baptist Church. We will continue to share updates regarding preparations as the "New Normal" ministry makes progress.

We pray that you would have a blessed, wonderful and safe week.

Peace and Blessings,



Pastor Selwyn Q. Bachus

Parking Lot Worship Information

Traffic Instructions

1. Pay Close Attention to security and volunteers for directions on parking. Do not exceed 2-5 miles per hour. Lower speeds will assist safety!
2. Enter only at 33rd Street and J.C. Wade Drive (west entrance) to help avoid the risk of accidents and traffic tie ups.
3. Exit only at J.C. Wade Drive to 30th Street (east exit). All traffic will be asked to turn right (southbound) onto 30th Street to avoid accidents and traffic tie ups.

General Instructions

1. Members must keep a parking slot open next to their vehicle (park every other parking space) Salem security will direct you (CDC rule).
2. Members must stay in their vehicles.
3. There will be a designated space for walk up members or guests. Please maintain social distancing guidelines in this area.
4. The church is closed however, outdoor restroom facilities are available near church garage.
5. For safety and security, we will not collect offering in the parking lot. We ask that members continue to bring offering to church Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm or use electronic giving via the church website, Givelify, PayPal CashApp or Venmo.